

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 6-9, 12, 14, 15 and 17-19 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended and claims 20-25 are cancelled. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance (for the reasons discussed herein); (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration (since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter); (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place the application in better form for appeal (if necessary). Entry is thus requested.

I. Objection to Specification

The Office Action objects to the specification changes that were made in the December 2 Amendment as allegedly introducing new matter. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant believes that the changes made in the December 2 Amendment merely describe features which were already shown in the original drawings.

To advance prosecution, Applicant is cancelling the specification changes made in the December 2 Amendment. As a result, the specification is being returned to its original form. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

II. Claims 20-25

The Office Action rejects claims 20-25 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Again, Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant believes that the subject matter of claims 20-25 is clearly supported by the originally filed specification and drawings. However, to advance prosecution, Applicant is hereby cancelling claims 20-25. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

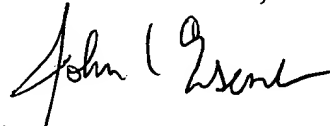
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Eisenhart", written over the printed name.

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